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SUBJECT: CANADIAN DCM ON RABIN-MACEACHEN DISCUSSION AND
ALLEGED RABIN-HUSSEIN MEETING

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1. DCM CANADIAN EMBASSY HAD GIVEN US FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON JANUARY 19 DISCUSSION BETWEEN PRIME
MINISTER RABIN AND CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY
MACEACHEN (REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO DCM (WHO WAS PRESENT AT SESSION),
RABIN INDICATED TWO POSSIBILITIES FOR DETERMINING
PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE.

A) A JOINT JORDANIAN/WEST BANK DELEGATION IN WHICH
WEST BANK REPRESENTATION WOULD INCLUDE MAYORS AND OTHER
LOCAL NOTABLES. RABIN OBSERVED THAT APRIL 12 WEST BANK
ELECTION MAY LEAD TO EMERGENCE OF NEW LOCAL LEADERS
INCLUDING SOME SUPPORTED BY THE PLO. ISRAEL, HE TOLD
MACEACHEN, WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THEIR INCLUSION
IN THE JOINT DELEGATION. B) GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD
CONVENE IN ITS ORIGINAL COMPOSITION; THE PARTICIPANTS
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THEN COULD TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL PARTICI-

PANTS INCLUDING THE PLO. CANADIAN DCM OBSERVED THAT THIS WAS AT LEAST COMPATIBLE WITH SADAT'S JANUARY 13 STATEMENT (CAIRO 507) IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED READINESS TO GO TO GENEVA WITHOUT PLO IN ORDER TO FIGHT FOR ITS INCLUSION IN SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

3. DCM ALSO TOLD US JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT LANDAU (IN JANUARY 23 ARTICLE) WAS ACCURATE IN REPORTING THAT MACEACHEN LEFT THIS MEETING WITH RABIN "FRANKLY PERPLEXED AND DISAPPOINTED". AS AN EXAMPLE, MACEACHEN HAD TRIED TO ELICIT RABIN'S VIEWS ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, BUT INSTEAD OF A DIRECT

ANSWER WAS GIVEN AN EVASIVE AND UNSATISFACTORY REPLY. MACEACHEN, ACCORDING TO LANDAU STORY, COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY RABIN WAS UNABLE TO LEVEL WITH HIM SINCE CANADA WAS ISRAEL'S SECOND BEST FRIEND. IN CONTRAST, DCM NOTED MACEACHEN HAD FOUND ALLON FRANK AND ENGAGING. FOR INSTANCE, ALLON HAD SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT MACEACHEN'S DINNER TOAST HAD NOT GLOSSED OVER FACT THAT CANADA AND ISRAEL, WHILE SHARING SAME BASIC OBJECTIVE, HAD DIFFERENT VIEWS ON APPROACH TO KEY ISSUES SUCH AS PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

4. AS REGARDS ALLEGED RABIN-HUSSEIN MEETING,

DCM ALSO STATED THAT CANADIANS HAD BEEN INFORMED BY LOCAL SOURCE (THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF EITHER HIS NATIONALITY OR POSITION) THAT TWO LEADERS HAD INDEED MET AS RECENTLY REPORTED IN MEDIA. DISCUSSION HAD BEEN FRUITLESS. RABIN HAD RAISED ALLON PLAN AS POSSIBLE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS BUT HUSSEIN MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS UNPREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY ARRANGEMENT SHORT OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 LINES WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS.
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